

**115-25-7. Antelope; open season, bag limit, and permits.** (a) The open season for the taking of antelope shall be as specified in this subsection. The unit designations in this subsection shall have the meanings specified in K.A.R. 115-4-6.

(1) Archery season.

(A) The archery season dates shall be September 18, 2021 through September 26, 2021 and October 9, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

(B) The taking of antelope during the established archery season shall be authorized for Smoky Hill, unit 2; West Arkansas, unit 17; and Cimarron, unit 18. Unlimited archery permits for residents and nonresidents shall be authorized for the area.

(2) Firearm season.

(A) The firearm season dates shall be October 1, 2021 through October 4, 2021.

(B) The open units for the taking of antelope during the established firearm season and the number of permits authorized shall be as follows:

(i) Smoky Hill, unit 2: Eighty-eight resident firearm permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(ii) West Arkansas, unit 17: Thirty-two resident firearm permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(iii) Cimarron, unit 18: Six resident firearm permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(3) Muzzleloader-only season.

(A) The muzzleloader-only season dates shall be September 27, 2021 through October 4, 2021. Muzzleloader permits also shall be valid in the unit for which the permit is authorized during the established firearm season dates.

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(B) The open units for the taking of antelope during the established muzzleloader-only season and the number of permits authorized shall be as follows:

(i) Smoky Hill, unit 2: Twenty-four resident muzzleloader permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(ii) West Arkansas, unit 17: Eight resident muzzleloader permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(iii) Cimarron, unit 18: Four resident muzzleloader permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(b) The bag limit for each archery, firearm, and muzzleloader permit shall be one antelope of either sex.

This regulation shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2022. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-937.)

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**Kansas Administrative Regulations  
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Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to:

Division of the Budget  
900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N  
Topeka, KS 66612

**I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

This proposed version of the regulation sets the seasons for antelope hunting in Kansas. The agency is proposing a reduction in 47 rifle and muzzleloader permits from the previous season. Archery permits are unlimited.

**II. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. (If the approach is different, then include a statement of why the Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)**

This is not a federal mandate. Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado all have varying regulations dealing with pronghorn hunting seasons and requirements. Missouri does not have a pronghorn season. The season structure is generally the same as last season.

**III. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:**

**A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;**

The proposed version of the regulation will not enhance or restrict business activities and growth.

**B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as a whole;**

The proposed version of the regulation could have a collateral positive economic impact on grocery stores, hotels and motels, outfitters, service stations, etc.

**C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;**

Outfitters or landowners.



**D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;**

The proposed version of the regulation establishes various pronghorn seasons. Without the regulation, pronghorn populations will rise and negative human-wildlife conflicts will occur. Additionally, the corresponding positive economic impact to Kansas would not occur without the season.

**E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;**

There are no negative costs and impacts on businesses associated with this proposal.

**F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.**

The sale of antelope hunting permits to the public generates approximately \$38,070 to the agency, all of which accrues to the wildlife fee fund, based on 2020 permit sales.

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**Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?**

YES  NO

**Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.**

The total number of antelope hunting permits sold was 604 and the total of preference points purchased was 927 in 2020. This generates approximately \$38,070 for the agency, all of which accrues to the wildlife fee fund, and is paid by user fees. Additionally, each individually identifiable antelope hunter (604) goes 11 days afield per year and spends approximately \$1616 per year, generating \$976,064 for the Kansas economy, based on economic studies provided by the USFWS.

**Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.**

YES  NO

The agency held public hearings on this regulation on September 24, attended by 22 members of the public, on November 19,

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attended by 24 members of the public, on January 14, attended by 52 members of the public and will hold a public hearing on March 25 and April 29.

- G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.**

Not applicable.

- H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

News releases to every newspaper in the state, discussion at prior public hearings and meetings which are broadcast online, publication in the Kansas Register and publication on the Department's website.

- I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).**

Not applicable.

